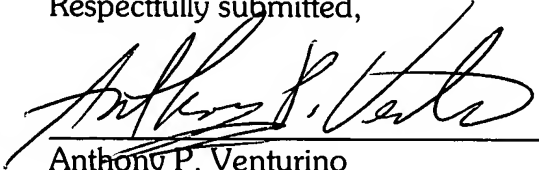


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claim status. Claim 1 was amended to remove the word "it" as supported at page 6. Claim 7 was amended to remove the word "it" as supported at page 8. Claim 12 was amended to remove the word "it" as supported at page 11. Claim 14 was amended to remove the word "they" as supported at page 9 and to remove the word "it" as supported at page 11. Claim 18 was amended to remove the word "its" as supported at page 10 describing opening of jaws. Claim 19 was amended to include Claim 18 features. Claim 20 was amended to remove the word "it" as supported by the context of the claim.

It is respectfully submitted, no new matter is presented by the above amendments. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Date: Dec. 14, 2004

Respectfully submitted,  
By:   
Anthony P. Venturino  
Registration No. 31,674

APV/kag  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. APV31844

STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P.  
1615 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 850  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036  
TEL. 202-785-0100 / FAX. 202-785-0200